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15 Day Notice of California Notice Register 2016, No.2-Z, Z-2015-1228-03 Re: Mammal Regulations for the 2016-2017 Seasons

February 24, 2016

This is to provide you with a 15 day continuation notice of proposed regulatory action relative to amending sections 364, Elk and 364.1 SHARE Elk Hunts, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the proposed regulations for "Mammal Regulations for the 2016-2017 Seasons" which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 8, 2016, Register 2016, No. 2-Z; OAL Notice File No. Z-2015-1228-03. The proposed changes to the originally noticed language are shown in double underline/strikeout underline and are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text.

The changes in regulations reflect an action by the Fish and Game Commission to allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to pull its 2016 Draft Elk Environmental Document from consideration, and rely on the existing Elk Final Environmental Document from 2010. And to amend the proposed text of the regulations to align with the existing projects approved in 2010.

The date of the public hearing related to this matter, and associated deadlines for receipt of oral or written comments at the meeting to be held on April 14, 2016 in Santa Rosa has not changed from the original notice.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2016/index.aspx#265>.

Craig Stowers, Department of Fish and Wildlife, phone 916-445-3553, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-Publication of Notice Statement)

Amend Section 364
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: Elk Hunts

I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: November 6, 2015
February 11, 2016 (Amended)

II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a) Notice Hearing: Date: December 10, 2015
Location: San Diego, CA

(b) Discussion Hearings: Date: February 11, 2016
Location: Sacramento, CA

(c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 14, 2016
Location: Santa Rosa, CA

III. Description of Regulatory Action:

(a) Statement of Specific Purpose of Regulation Change and Factual Basis for Determining that Regulation Change is Reasonably Necessary:

1. It is necessary for the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to improve the hunting regulations and make them more user-friendly.

The current Elk Hunt regulations in Title 14, Section 364, are overly long and the current format makes it difficult to navigate to find pertinent hunting information. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is recommending placing a substantial amount of information from Section 364, which is currently in a narrative format, into a Table that is more easily reviewed by the public. The new table replaces two subparts in regulation: Number of License Tags in each hunt area and Season dates. Area descriptions and conditions will remain in narrative form.

For example, part of the current regulation in subsection 364(a) reads as follows:

§364. Elk.

(a) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunts:

(1) Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Siskiyou County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 with the California-Oregon state line; east along the state line to Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; south along Hill Road to Lava Beds National Monument Road; south along Lava Beds National Monument Road to USDA Forest Service Road 49; south

along USDA Forest Service Road 49 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; west along USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); south along USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); southwest along USDA Forest Service Road 13 to Highway 89; northwest along Highway 89 to Interstate Highway 5; north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: 20 bull tags and 20 antlerless tags.

Subparts (B) Season, and (C) Number of License Tags, are proposed to be moved to the new Table as shown in the example below:

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(r) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Siskiyou	20	20		
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			

The complete Table and text is found in the attached amended Regulatory Text of Section 364.

2. Number of Tags.

In order to maintain appropriate harvest levels and hunting quality it is necessary to annually adjust quotas (total number of tags) in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. Current regulations in Section 364 specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt in accordance with management goals and objectives.

The proposed amendments will modify Section 364, adding new subsections 364(r) through (aa) in a Table which specifies the number of elk tags in each hunt type and area for the 2016 season. However, since the Department's final recommendations for quotas cannot be determined until winter survey data and harvest results are analyzed, the amendments to Section 364 will begin with a range of tags (expressed as [0-40], etc.). The final number of tags will be recommended to the Commission at the adoption hearing in April 2016.

The proposed ranges of elk tags for 2016 are presented in the amended Regulatory Text of Section 364.

3. Remove, Amend, and Establish New Hunt Areas:

The Department is recommending changes to the Hunt Areas as described in amended subsections 364(a)(1) through (d)(20). Some hunt areas are deleted,

~~split into new hunt areas or boundaries changed as necessary to distribute hunting pressure, address landowner concerns over elk damage, and increase or decrease hunting opportunity. Boundary and Area changes are made while providing a biologically appropriate harvest within each zone in accordance with management goals and objectives.~~

(Note: The following text which is proposed for deletion (italicized) refers to the current subsection number. Text to be added or amended (normal type) refers to the new renumbered subsection. The referenced subsections appear in the same order as in the attached amended regulatory text.)

The following Hunt Areas are proposed for amendment:

364(a)(2) Big Lagoon Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)

This hunt boundary is no longer being utilized and has been split and incorporated into the Northwestern~~Del Norte and Humboldt~~ Roosevelt Elk Hunts.

364(a)(3) Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)

~~This hunt boundary is no longer being utilized and has been split and incorporated into the Del Norte and Humboldt Roosevelt Elk Hunts.~~

364(a)(4) Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)

This hunt boundary is no longer being utilized and has been split and incorporated into the Northwestern ~~Del Norte and Humboldt~~ Roosevelt Elk Hunts.

364(a)(5) Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)

This hunt boundary is no longer being utilized; this hunt area has been incorporated into the Northwestern Roosevelt Elk Hunts. ~~larger new Del Norte hunt area.~~

364(a)(2) Del Norte General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation)

~~Two new zones will be created by splitting the Northwestern Roosevelt elk zone (Del Norte and Humboldt). The establishment of these zones will allow the Department to manage hunting pressure in relation to elk distribution, increase opportunity, and obtain an appropriate harvest level.~~

364(a)(3) Humboldt General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation)

~~Two new zones will be created by splitting the Northwestern Roosevelt elk zone (Del Norte and Humboldt). The establishment of these zones will allow the Department to manage hunting pressure in relation to elk distribution, increase opportunity, and obtain an appropriate harvest level.~~

~~364(a)(6) Marble Mountains-Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)~~

~~This area has been separated into two separate zones within Humboldt, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties (Marble Mountain North and Marble Mountain South Roosevelt elk hunts).~~

~~364(a)(4) Marble Mountains North General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation)~~

~~Two new zones will be created by splitting the Marble Mountain Roosevelt elk zone (North and South). The establishment of these zones will allow the Department to manage hunting pressure in relation to elk distribution, increase opportunity, and obtain an appropriate harvest level.~~

~~364(a)(5) Marble Mountains South General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation)~~

~~Two new zones will be created by splitting the Marble Mountain Roosevelt elk zone (North and South). The establishment of these zones will allow the Department to manage hunting pressure in relation to elk distribution, increase opportunity, and obtain an appropriate harvest level.~~

~~364(c)(1) Mendocino Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)~~

~~This area has been split and expanded into five separate zones within Mendocino County as follows:~~

~~364(c)(1) Mendocino North Coast General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation);~~

~~364(c)(2) Mendocino Middle Fork General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation);~~

~~364(c)(3) Mendocino Upper Russian River General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to reg);~~

~~364(c)(4) Mendocino Little Lake General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation);~~

~~364(c)(5) Mendocino South Coast General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulation);~~

~~It is proposed to split and expand the existing Mendocino Roosevelt/Tule elk hunt into five elk hunts within Mendocino County. Public opportunities to hunt elk are limited in Mendocino County. Sufficient numbers of elk occur within the proposed hunt boundaries to provide opportunity for the public to hunt elk. The establishment of these zones will allow the Department to distribute hunting pressure to address landowner concerns over elk damage and increase hunter opportunity while providing a biologically appropriate harvest within each zone~~

~~364(d)(2) La Panza General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Amend regulatory text)~~

~~Some of the area previously within the La Panza zone north of highway 198 will now be within the Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast zone described in subsection 364(d)(12). This is intended to better distribute harvest within these zones, increase opportunity, and address landowner concerns. The La Panza season framework will remain as previously identified.~~

~~364(d)(4) Independence General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Amend regulatory text)~~

~~It is proposed to split the Independence tule elk hunt area in Inyo County and establish a new tule elk zone (Goodale) in the Owens Valley. Sufficient numbers of elk occur within the proposed hunt boundary to provide opportunity for the public to hunt elk. Creating a new hunt boundary (splitting the zone) allows the Department to more appropriately manage harvest.~~

~~364(d)(5) Goodale General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulatory text)~~

~~In conjunction with zone boundary modifications for the Independence tule elk zone, a new zone (Goodale) is proposed to be created by dividing the zone. This new zone is being established to efficiently distribute hunting pressure and manage harvest.~~

~~364(d)(11) Grizzly Island General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Amend regulatory text)~~

~~The area description for Grizzly Island is proposed to be amended. Existing regulations specify boundaries for the Grizzly Island tule elk hunt. During the last several years elk population numbers have increased and their range has expanded beyond existing hunt boundaries. The modifications will expand the boundary to outside of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. The proposal to expand boundaries for the Grizzly Island tule elk hunt is necessary to improve hunter opportunity and implement an appropriate harvest level.~~

~~364(d)(11) Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt: (Deleted from regulation)~~

~~Public opportunities to hunt elk in Monterey, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo counties are currently limited to the lands within the boundary of the Fort Hunter Liggett Military base and a portion of the La Panza and San Luis Reservoir tule elk zones. To increase public hunting opportunity (military only remains within the perimeter of the base) the boundary is proposed to be expanded as set forth in 364(n)(12).~~

~~364(d)(12) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Public General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulatory text)~~

~~Public opportunities to hunt elk in Monterey, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo counties are currently limited to the lands within the confines of the Fort Hunter Liggett Military base and a portion of the La Panza and San Luis Reservoir tule elk zones. Tule elk populations have increased and their range has expanded beyond the existing hunt boundaries. The proposal increases the boundary for the Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast zone to encompass areas not previously~~

~~part of an established hunt zone except for the inclusion of the northern portion of the La Panza zone north of highway 198 to the boundary of the San Luis Reservoir tule elk zone. This will improve hunter opportunity, address expanding elk populations, and respond to landowner concerns. (Note: the military only hunts will remain within the exterior boundaries of the military base.)~~

~~364(d)(19) San Emigdio Mountain General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulatory text)~~

~~The proposed amendment establishes a new tule elk hunt in portions of Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties). Public opportunities to hunt elk have been limited or non-existent. Sufficient numbers of elk occur within the proposed hunt boundary to provide additional opportunity for the public to hunt elk.~~

~~364(d)(20) Camp Roberts General Methods Tule Elk Hunt: (Added to regulatory text)~~

~~The proposed amendment establishes a new tule elk hunt in portions of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. Public opportunities to hunt elk have been limited. Sufficient numbers of elk occur within the proposed hunt boundary to provide additional opportunity for the public to hunt elk.~~

~~4. Add New Opportunities for Specialized Hunts:~~

~~The Department makes many different specialized hunts available to the public including Archery, Muzzleloader, and Apprentice hunts. Because of the proposed new hunt areas, some new opportunities will be made available:~~

~~364(e)(1) Siskiyou General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Hunt~~

~~364(e)(2) Marble Mountains North General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Hunt~~

~~364(e)(3) Marble Mountains South General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Hunt~~

~~364(e)(9) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Methods General Public Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt~~

~~364(f)(3) Goodale Tule Elk Archery Only Hunt~~

~~364(f)(7) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Public Tule Elk Archery Only Hunt~~

~~364(g)(3) Goodale Tule Elk Muzzleloader Only Hunt~~

~~364(g)(4) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Public Tule Elk Muzzleloader Only Hunt:~~

~~364(h)(1) Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Muzzleloader/Archery Only Hunt~~

~~354(i)(2) Marble Mountains North Roosevelt Elk Muzzleloader/Archery Only Hunt~~

~~364(i)(3) Marble Mountains South Roosevelt Elk Muzzleloader/Archery Only Hunt~~

~~364(j)(5) Camp Roberts Military Only Tule Elk Hunt~~

5. Modify Season Dates and Hunt Periods:

The Department makes many different times and seasons of the year available to the public. In order to provide opportunity for hunters, the Department modifies the calendar day for the start of hunts and the number of days of hunting. The new Table in subsections 364(r) through (aa) proposes the recommended days for each hunt.

~~These recommended changes will increase opportunity and address private property conflicts through the establishment of multiple hunt periods while maintaining an appropriate harvest level. Opportunity is also provided by separate hunting periods for bull, antlerless, either sex, and spike elk.~~

In a number of hunt areas the elk population has increased substantially over the last several years. The proposed seasonal framework, additional hunt periods, and the proposed number of tags, are designed to safely distribute the additional hunting pressure while maintaining an appropriate level of harvest.

Due to military use constraints at Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts, hunt dates are subject to change from year to year and may be changed or cancelled by the base commander

56. Modifications to Hunt Area Special Conditions.

Current regulations require a hunter orientation in certain hunt areas prior to hunting. This requirement is not necessary in most areas since all pertinent information is sent to the successful tag purchaser (hunter) along with their tag. Tag holders are also provided contact numbers for local Department employees to answer any additional questions. Where required, the Special Conditions appear in regulation with the hunt area description.

Special Conditions for hunting on military installations appear in subsection (pu) Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions; and, ~~(v) Camp Roberts Special Conditions.~~

67. Minor Editorial Changes.

364(l)(4) Proposed amendments to this subsection clarify the definition of either-sex elk and make it clear that a spike elk is included within the definition of either-sex elk.

364(n) is proposed for deletion as it restates subsection (m).

Other minor editorial changes are proposed for consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

a) Authority and Reference:

Authority: Fish and Game Code sections 200, 202, 203, 332 and 1050.

Reference: Fish and Game Code sections 332 and 1050.

(c) Specific Technology or Equipment Required by Regulatory Change: None.

(d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change:

~~2016 Draft~~ 2010 Final Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting

(e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

Fish and Game Commission's Wildlife Resources Committee meeting held on September 9, 2015 in Fresno, California.

IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

1. Improve the hunting regulations and make them more user-friendly.

No alternatives were identified. The Department makes extensive use of Tables in regulations. Currently, tables are used in Section 362, Big Horn Sheep, 363 Antelope, and 364.1 SHARE Elk. Department publications use tables to provide information to the public in an easier format than written text.

2. Number of Tags

A recommendation was submitted 10/1/2014 by the Colusa County Fish and Game Commission. Request to increase elk hunting in Stonyford to control the growing size of the herd:

Department staff met with the Colusa County Fish and Game Commission last year to discuss potential solutions. The Department has analyzed the potential for increased harvest. Increases in tag allotments will require analysis completed this zone in the Draft Environmental Document (DED). Tag adjustments will be reviewed after surveys are complete and a DED may be completed at that time. One of the limiting factors for this zone is access to private property for public elk hunters; currently there is very limited public land for elk hunters to access which contain elk. The newly adopted SHARE elk tags (Section 364.1) are a potential solution for allowing access to private lands for elk hunters. Depending on tag allocation for the general draw and analyzed harvest

rates, SHARE elk tags may be available for landowners within the Priest Valley desiring to contract with the Department.

Elk license tag quotas must be adjusted periodically in response to a variety of environmental and biological conditions including forage availability, population structure, and over-winter survival rates. Elk populations have increased and landowner conflicts have also escalated in several areas. Adjusting tag quotas provides for appropriate harvest levels within the zones.

3. ~~Remove, Amend, and Establish New Hunt Areas:~~

~~Public recommendation submitted 3/27/2014 by Howard Strohn. Request for better herd management of tule elk in Priest Valley:~~

~~With this rulemaking, the Department has recommended boundary modification which would include the Priest Valley elk herd within the proposed Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast zone. This would potentially increase the number of landowner tags available. In addition to the proposed boundary modifications the Department has analyzed the potential for increased harvest for this zone in the Draft Environmental Document (DED). Tag adjustments will be reviewed after surveys are complete. In 2015 the Department implemented the SHARE elk tag (Section 364.1) as an option for landowners. Depending on tag allocation for the general draw and analyzed harvest rates, SHARE elk tags may be available for landowners within the Priest Valley desiring to contract with the Department.~~

~~Not modifying boundaries would not allow the Department to appropriately manage the subgroups through existing harvest regulations. New hunt areas for San Emigdio Mountain and Camp Roberts elk zones are necessary because existing regulations provide no public elk hunting opportunity in these areas. These areas currently maintain adequate numbers of elk to support a limited harvest. Establishing (new) tule elk hunts in these areas is proposed to improve hunter opportunity and provide an appropriate harvest level.~~

4. Add New Opportunities for Specialized Hunts:

No alternatives were identified. Removing outdated regulations makes existing regulations clear and easy to understand by the general public. ~~Not modifying opportunity for special hunts would not allow the Department to appropriately manage the subgroups through existing harvest regulations.~~

54. Modify Season Dates and Hunt Periods:

No alternatives were identified. The Department makes many different times and seasons of the year available to the public. In order to provide opportunity for each group, the Department modifies the calendar day for the start of hunts and the number of days of hunting.

Due to military use constraints at Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts, hunt dates are subject to change from year to year and may be changed or cancelled by the base commander.

65. Modifications to Hunt Area Special Conditions.

No alternatives were identified. Current regulations require a hunter orientation in certain hunt areas prior to hunting. Where required, the Special Conditions appear in regulation with the hunt area description.

(b) No Change Alternative:

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected because it would not attain project objectives. Elk hunts and opportunity must be adjusted periodically in response to a variety of environmental and biological conditions including forage availability, population structure, and over-winter survival rates. Elk populations have increased and landowner conflicts have also escalated in several areas. Adjusting tag quotas provides for appropriate harvest levels within the hunt zones.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

V. Mitigation Measures Required by Regulatory Action:

The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment; therefore, no mitigation measures are needed. The number of tags that will be issued from the newly proposed tag range will result in a harvest that is at or below the harvest analyzed in the 2016 Draft 2010 Final Environmental Document Regarding Elk hunting.

VI. Impact of Regulatory Action.

This proposed action adjusts tag quotas, ~~modifies existing hunt zones, to meet management goals and creates new zones to increase~~ provide hunting opportunities for the public. Given the number of tags available, and the area over which they are distributed, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States.

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Considering the relatively small number of tags issued over the entire state, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. The Commission anticipates benefits to the State's environment in the sustainable management of natural resources.

The proposed action will not have significant impacts on jobs or business within California and does not provide benefits to worker safety.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons/Business.

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

VII. Economic Impact Assessment

The proposed action will have no statewide economic or fiscal impact because the proposed action would not constitute a significant change from the 2015 elk season. The number of tags to be set in regulation for 2016 is intended to achieve or maintain the levels set forth in the approved management plans and Environmental documents to sustainably manage elk populations and maintain hunting opportunities in subsequent seasons.

- (a) Effects of the regulation on the creation or elimination of jobs within the State:

The regulation will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

- (b) Effects of the regulation on the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State:

The regulation will not impact the creation of new businesses or the elimination of businesses because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

- (c) Effects of the regulation on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State

The regulation will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

- (d) Benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents:

The proposed regulation will benefit the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources and the action contributes to the sustainable management of natural resources.

- (e) Benefits of the regulation to worker safety.

The proposed regulation will not affect worker safety.

- (f) Benefits of the regulation to the State's environment

It is the policy of the State to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the State's living resources. The proposed action will further this core objective.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST
(Policy Statement Overview)

Existing regulations in Section 364, Title 14, CCR, specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt. In order to achieve elk herd management goals and objectives and maintain hunting quality, it is periodically necessary to adjust quotas, seasons, hunt areas and other criteria, in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. The proposed amendments to Section 364 will establish 2016 tag quotas within each hunt adjusting for annual fluctuations in population number, season dates and tag distribution.

The complete amended text is found in the amended Regulatory Text of Section 364 with the Initial Statement of Reasons.

Proposed Amendments:

1. The current Elk Hunt regulations in Title 14, Section 364, are overly long and the format makes it difficult to navigate to find pertinent hunting information. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is recommending placing a substantial amount of information from Section 364 in a Table to improve the hunting regulations and make them more user-friendly.
2. In order to achieve appropriate harvest levels and maintain hunting quality it is necessary to annually adjust quotas (total number of tags) in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. Section 364 regulations specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt in accordance with management goals and objectives.
3. ~~Remove, Amend, and Establish New Hunt Areas.~~ The Department is recommending changes to the Hunt Areas as described in amended subsections 364(a)(1) through (d)(20).
4. ~~Add New Opportunities for Specialized Hunts. The Department makes many different specialized hunts available to the public including Archery, Muzzleloader, and Apprentice hunts. Because of the new areas added, some new opportunities will be made available.~~
4. Modify Season Dates and Hunt Periods. The Department makes many different times and seasons of the year available to the public. In order to provide opportunity for hunters, the Department modifies the calendar day for the start of individual hunts and the number of days of hunting. The new Table sets forth the recommended days for each hunt.
5. Modifications to Hunt Area Special Conditions.

Current regulations require a hunter orientation in certain hunt areas prior to hunting. This requirement is not necessary in most areas since all pertinent information is sent to the successful tag purchaser (hunter) along with their tag. Tag holders are also provided contact numbers for local Department employees to answer any additional questions. Where required, the Special Conditions appear in regulation

with the hunt area description. Special Conditions for hunting on military installations appear in new subsections (p) Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions; and, (q) Camp Roberts Special Conditions.

6. Minor Editorial Changes are proposed to improve clarity and reduce redundancy.

Benefits of the regulations

The proposed regulations will contribute to the sustainable management of elk populations in California. Existing elk herd management goals specify objective levels for the proportion of bulls in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from annual harvest and herd composition counts where appropriate.

Non-monetary benefits to the public

The Commission does not anticipate non-monetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the prevention of discrimination, the promotion of fairness or social equity and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Consistency with State or Federal Regulations

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202 and 203, has the sole authority to regulate elk hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found the proposed changes pertaining to elk tag allocations are consistent with Title 14. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

The Department, at the Commission's February 11, 2016 meeting in Sacramento requested the Commission consider its withdrawal of the proposed draft 2016 Elk CEQA document, and instead asked the Commission rely on existing CEQA. Reverting back to the original CEQA proposals requires the renote of proposed regulatory text which included proposals that added additional hunt zones in sections 364 and 364.1 that were identified as projects under the CEQA document being withdrawn, as well as necessary paragraph renumbering.

Final tag quotas and an addendum to the Final Environmental Document regarding Elk Hunting, dated April 21, 2010 will be provided to interested and affected parties at least 15 days prior to its consideration by the Commission at its April 14, 2016 meeting in Santa Rosa.

REGULATORY TEXT

Section 364 is amended to read as follows:

§364. Elk Hunts, Seasons, and Number of Tags

(a) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt Areas.

(1) Siskiyou General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Siskiyou County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 with the California-Oregon state line; east along the state line to Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; south along Hill Road to Lava Beds National Monument Road; south along Lava Beds National Monument Road to USDA Forest Service Road 49; south along USDA Forest Service Road 49 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; west along USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); south along USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); southwest along USDA Forest Service Road 13 to Highway 89; northwest along Highway 89 to Interstate Highway 5; north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: ~~The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.~~

(C) Number of License Tags: ~~20 bull tags and 20 antlerless tags.~~

(2) Big Lagoon Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: ~~In that portion of Humboldt County owned or leased by the California Redwood Company and the Green Diamond Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and Hiltons Road; south on Hiltons Road to the western boundary of Redwood National Park; south and east along the western to its southern tip; north and east along the eastern boundary of Redwood National Park to Redwood Creek; south along Redwood Creek to Highway 299; east along Highway 299 to Forest Service Road 1; south along Forest Service Road 1 to Roddiscraft Road; west along Roddiscraft Road to the intersection of Snow Camp Road and the power line road within the right-of-way of Humboldt Trinity 115 Line and Trinity-Maple Creek 60 Line power line; west along the power line road within the right-of-way of the Humboldt-Trinity 115 Line and Trinity-Maple Creek 60 Line to Maple Creek Road; south along Maple Creek Road to Butler Valley Road; west along Butler Valley Road to Fickle Hill Road; north along Fickle Hill Road to Bayside Road; west along Bayside Road and 7th Street to Highway 101; north along Highway 101 to point of beginning.~~

(B) Season: ~~The season shall open the last Wednesday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.~~

(C) Number of License Tags: ~~0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

(D) Special Conditions: ~~All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

(2) Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 299 and Highway 96, north along Highway 96 to the Del

Norte-Siskiyou county line, north along the Del Norte-Siskiyou county line to the California-Oregon state line, west along the state line to the Pacific Coastline, south along the Pacific coastline to the Humboldt-Mendocino county line, east along the Humboldt-Mendocino county line to the Humboldt-Trinity county line, north along the Humboldt-Trinity county line to Highway 299, west along Highway 299 to the point of beginning, ~~excluding those areas owned or leased by the California Redwood Company and the Green Diamond Resource Company within existing elk hunt boundaries as described in subsections 364(a)(2)(A), (a)(4)(A), and (a)(5)(A).~~
(B) Season: The season shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 23 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags, 0 antlerless tags, and 45 either-sex tags.

(4) Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte counties owned or leased by the Green Diamond Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and the Klamath River; south on Highway 101 to South Klamath Beach Road; west on South Klamath Beach Road to the Redwood National Park boundary; southwest and south along the Redwood National Park boundary to Highway 101; south on Highway 101 to the Redwood National Park boundary; southeast along the Redwood National Park boundary to the Bald Hills Road; southeast along the Bald Hills Road to the Klamath River; northwest along the Klamath River to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.

(D) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.

(5) (2) Del Norte General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions of Del Norte County owned or leased by the Green Diamond Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and the California-Oregon state line; south along Highway 101 to North Bank Road; southeast along North Bank Road to High Divide Road; northeast along High Divide Road to North Fork Smith River/Wimer Road; north along North Fork Smith River/Wimer Road to the California-Oregon state line; west along the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning. In those portions of Del Norte County within a line beginning at the intersection of the California-Oregon state line and the Del Norte Siskiyou County line; south along the Del Norte County line to the intersection of the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines; west along the Del Norte County Line to the Pacific coastline; north along the Pacific coastline to the Oregon-California border; east along the border to the intersection with the Del Norte-Siskiyou County line at the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.

(D) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(6) (3) Humboldt Marble Mountains General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt and Trinity counties within a line beginning at the intersection of the Del Norte, Humboldt, and Siskiyou county lines; south along Forest Service Road 12N12 (Cedar Camp Road) to the intersection of Forest Service Road 11N05 (Slate Creek Road); south along Forest Service Road 11N05 (Slate Creek Road) to the intersection of Highway 96; south along Highway 96 to Highway 299; south along Highway 299 to the Intersection of the South Fork of the Trinity River; south along the South Fork of the Trinity River to the intersection of Highway 36; west along Highway 36 to the Humboldt-Trinity county lines; south along the Humboldt-Trinity County line to the intersection of the Humboldt-Mendocino County line; west along the Mendocino County line to the Pacific Coast; north along the Pacific coast to the Humboldt-Del Norte County line; east along the Humboldt County line to the intersection of the Humboldt-Del Norte-Siskiyou County lines at the point of beginning.

(6) (4) Marble Mountains North General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta and Siskiyou counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 5 and the California-Oregon state line; west along the state line to the Del Norte County line; south along the Del Norte County line to the intersection of the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines; east along the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines to Highway 96; south along Highway 96 to Highway 299; south along Highway 299 to the Intersection of the Humboldt/Trinity County line; south along the Humboldt Trinity County Line to the intersection of Highway 36; east along Highway 36 to the intersection of Interstate 5; north on Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning. In those portions of Humboldt and Siskiyou counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 5 and the California-Oregon state line; west along the state line to the Del Norte County line; south along the Del Norte County line to the intersection of the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines; south along Forest Service Road 12N12 (Cedar Camp Road) to the intersection of Forest Service Road 11N05 (Slate Creek Road); south along Forest Service Road 11N05 (Slate Creek Road) to the intersection of Highway 96; north along Highway 96 to the intersection of Salmon River Road; east along Salmon River Road to the intersection of Cecilville Road in the town of Forks of Salmon; east along Cecilville Road to the intersection of Highway 3 in the town of Callahan; south along Highway 3 to the intersection of Gazelle Callahan Road; east along Gazelle Callahan Road to the intersection of Old Highway 99 in the town of Gazelle; south along Old Highway 99 to the intersection of Interstate Highway 5; north on Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: General Season: 35 bull tags and 10 antlerless tags.

(5) Marble Mountains South General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 5 and Highway 36; north along Interstate 5 to the intersection of Old Highway 99 near the town of Edgewood; north along Old Highway 99 to the intersection of the Gazelle Callahan road in the town of Gazelle; west along Gazelle Callahan Road to the intersection of Highway 3; west along Highway 3 to the intersection of Cecilville Road in the town of Callahan; west along

Cecilville Road to the intersection of Salmon River Road at Forks of Salmon; North and West along Salmon River Road to the intersection of Highway 96 near Somes Bar; south along Highway 96 to Highway 299; south along Highway 299 to the intersection of the South Fork of the Trinity River; south along the South Fork of the Trinity River to the intersection of Highway 36; east along Highway 36 to the intersection of Interstate 5; north on Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(b) Department Administered General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Hunts:

(1) Northeastern California General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions of Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, and Shasta counties within a line beginning in Siskiyou County at the junction of the California-Oregon state line and Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; east along the California-Oregon state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Tuledad-Red Rock-Clarks Valley Road (Lassen County Roads 506, 512 and 510); west along the Tuledad-Red Rock-Clarks Valley Road to Highway 395 at Madeline; west on USDA Forest Service Road 39N08 to the intersection of Highway 139/299 in Adin; south on Highway 139 to the intersection of Highway 36 in Susanville; west on Highway 36 to the intersection of Interstate 5 in Red Bluff; north on Interstate 5 to Highway 89; southeast along Highway 89 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); northeast along USDA Forest Service Road 13 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); north along USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; east along USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 49; north along USDA Forest Service Road 49 to Lava Beds National Monument Road; north along Lava Beds National Monument Road to Hill Road; north along Hill Road to the point of beginning.

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 15 bull tags and 10 antlerless tags.~~

(c) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunts:

(1) Mendocino ~~North Coast~~ General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions in Mendocino County within a line beginning at the Pacific Coastline and the Mendocino/Humboldt County line south of Shelter Cove; east along the Mendocino/Humboldt County line to the intersection of the Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity County lines; south and east along the Mendocino/Trinity County line to the intersection of the Mendocino, Trinity, and Tehama County lines; south along the Mendocino County line to the intersection of Highway 20; north and west along Highway 20 to the intersection of Highway 101 near Calpella; south along Highway 101 to the intersection of Highway 253; southwest along Highway 253 to the intersection of Highway 128; north along Highway 128 to the intersection of Mountain View Road near the town of Boonville; west along Mountain View Road to the intersection of Highway 1; south along Highway 1 to the intersection of the Garcia River; west along the Garcia River to the Pacific Coastline; north along the Pacific Coastline to the point of beginning. proceed east along the Mendocino-Humboldt-Trinity County line to its intersection with the Eel River Main stem; proceed south along the Eel River Main stem to confluence of Outlet Creek and the State Highway 162 crossing; west on State Highway 162 to the intersection with State Highway 101, south on State Highway 101 to its intersection with

State Highway 20 (Willits); west on State Highway 20 to the intersection with State Highway 1; north on State Highway 1 to the intersection of the Noyo River; west along the Noyo River to the Pacific Coast and north along with Pacific Coast to the Mendocino-Humboldt County line point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags: 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.

(2) Mendocino Middle Fork General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions in Mendocino County within a line beginning at the Eel River Main stem intersection with the Mendocino-Trinity County line; east along the Mendocino-Trinity County line to the intersection with the Mendocino-Tehama County line; south along the Mendocino County line (Glenn-Lake County) to its junction with the Eel River Main stem; north along the Eel River Main stem to its intersection with Mendocino-Trinity County line point of beginning.

(3) Mendocino Upper Russian River General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions in Mendocino County within a line beginning at East Road intersection with State Highway 20 (Redwood Valley) proceed north on East Road to Tomki Road and continue to Hearst Road/Willits-Hearst Road east to the Eel River Main stem; follow the Eel River Main stem east to the Mendocino-Lake County line; then south along the Mendocino-Lake County line to its junction with State Highway 20; west on State Highway 20 to the East Road intersection (Redwood Valley) point of beginning.

(4) Mendocino Little lake General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions in Mendocino County within a line beginning at State Highway 101\State Highway 20 intersection Redwood Valley — proceed north on State Highway 101 to the intersection with State Highway 162; proceed east on State Highway 162 to its intersection with the Eel River Main stem; following the Eel River Main stem south to its intersection with the Hearst Road/Willits-Hearst Road bridge; west along the Willits-Hearst Road to its intersection with Tomki Road; south on Tomki Road to its intersection with East Road (Redwood Valley); East Road south to its intersection with State Highway 20; west to intersection with State Highway 101 at the point of beginning.

(5) Mendocino South Coast General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions in Mendocino County within a line beginning at the intersection of the Noyo River and the Pacific Ocean (Noyo Bay). Continue east on the Noyo River to the intersection with State Highway 1. South on State Highway 1 to the intersection of State Highway 20 (Noyo- Fort Bragg); proceed east on State Highway 20 to its intersection with State Highway 101 (Willits); south on State Highway 101 to its intersection with State Highway 20 (Redwood Valley) proceed east to the Mendocino-Lake County line; south along the Mendocino-Lake County line to the Mendocino-Sonoma County line; west along the Mendocino-Sonoma County line to the Pacific Ocean; north along the Pacific Ocean to the intersection with the Noyo River at the point of beginning.

(d) Department Administered General Methods Tule Elk Hunts

(1) Cache Creek General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions of Lake, Colusa and Yolo counties within the following line: beginning at the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 16; south on Highway 16 to Reiff-Rayhouse Road; west on Reiff-Rayhouse Road to Morgan Valley Road; west on

Morgan Valley Road to Highway 53; north on Highway 53 to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the fork of Cache Creek; north on the north fork of Cache Creek to Indian Valley Reservoir; east on the south shore of Indian Valley Reservoir to Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road; east on Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road to Walker Ridge Road; south on Walker Ridge Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season:

1. ~~The Bull season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.~~

2. ~~The Antlerless season shall open on the third Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.~~

(C) ~~Number of License Tags: 3 bull tags and 3 antlerless tags.~~

(D) ~~(B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

(2) La Panza General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Monterey, Kings, Fresno, San Benito, and Santa Barbara counties within a line beginning in San Benito County at the junction of Highway 25 and County Highway J1 near the town Pacines, south along Highway 25 to La Gloria road, west along La Gloria road, La Gloria road becomes Gloria road, west along Gloria road to Highway 101 near Gonzales, south along Highway 101 to Highway 166 in San Luis Obispo County; east along Highway 166 to Highway 33 at Maricopa in Kern County; north and west along Highway 33 to Highway 198 at Coalinga in Fresno County, north along Highway 33 to Interstate 5 in Fresno County, north along Interstate 5 to Little Panoche road/County Highway J1, southwest along Little Panoche road/County Highway J1 to the intersection of Little Panoche road/County Highway J1 and Panoche road/County Highway J1 in San Benito County, northwest along Panoche road/County Highway J1 to the point of beginning.

In these portions of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Monterey, Kings, Fresno, and Santa Barbara counties within a line beginning in Monterey County at the junction of Highway 198 and Highway 101; south along Highway 101 to the northern boundary of Camp Roberts California Army National Guard Base near the town of Bradley; northeast and then south along the northern and eastern boundaries of Camp Roberts to Highway 101 in San Luis Obispo County; south along Highway 101 to Highway 46; south and west along Highway 46 to Highway 1; south along Highway 1 to Nikki Beach Drive south of the town of Harmony; southwest along Nikki Beach Drive to the southern boundary of Section 19, Township 28S, Range 9E; west along the southern boundary of Section 19, Township 28S, Range 9E to the Pacific Coastline; south and east along the Pacific Coastline to the mouth of the Santa Maria River in Santa Barbara County; east along the Santa Maria River to Highway 101 near Santa Maria; north on Highway 101 to Highway 166; east along Highway 166 to Highway 33 at Maricopa in Kern County; north along Highway 33 to Highway 198 at Coalinga in Fresno County; west along Highway 198 to Parkfield Grade Road/Parkfield Coalinga Road near Parkfield Junction; south along Parkfield Grade Road/Parkfield Coalinga Road to the intersection with the Fresno-Monterey County Line; north along the Fresno-Monterey County Line to the

intersection of Smith Mountain Lookout road; south and west along Smith Mountain Lookout road to the intersection with Slack Canyon Road; north and west along Slack Canyon road to Peach Tree Road; north along Peach Tree Road to the Junction of Highway 198; west along Highway 198 to the point of beginning.

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Period One: The season shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.~~

~~2. For Period Two: the season shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Period One: 6 bull tags and 5 antlerless tags.~~

~~2. Period Two: 6 bull tags and 6 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~(3) Bishop General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 6 in the town of Bishop; north and east along Highway 6 to the junction of Silver Canyon Road; east along Silver Canyon Road to the White Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 4S01); south along the White Mountain Road to Highway 168 at Westgard Pass; south and west along Highway 168 to the junction of Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~3. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Period Three: 2 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~2. Period Four: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~3. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(4) Independence General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Aberdeen Station Road; east on Aberdeen Station Road to its terminus at the southern boundary of Section 5, Township 11S, Range 35E; east along the southern boundary of sections 5, 4, 3, and 2, Township 11S, Range 35E to the Papoose Flat Road at Papoose Flat; south and east on Papoose Flat Road to Mazourka Canyon Road; south and then west on Mazourka Canyon Road to Highway 395; west along Onion Valley Road to the intersection of the Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; south along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the southern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; west along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26, 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the Inyo County line; North along the Inyo~~

County Line to Taboose Creek; east along Taboose Creek to the intersection of Highway 395; south north along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season:

1. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
2. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
3. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
4. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags:

1. Period Two: 2 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.
2. Period Three: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.
3. Period Four: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.
4. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.

(5) Goodale General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Taboose Creek in Section 14, Township 11S, Range 34E; south along Highway 395 to Onion Valley Road; west along Onion Valley Road to the intersection of the Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; south along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the southern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; west along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26, 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the Inyo County line; North along the Inyo County Line to Taboose Creek; east along Taboose Creek to the point of beginning.

(5) (6) Lone Pine General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Mazourka Canyon Road; east and then north on Mazourka Canyon Road to the Inyo National Forest Boundary at the junction of the southern boundary of Township 12S and the northern boundary of Township 13S; east along the southern boundary of Township 12S to Saline Valley Road; south on Saline Valley Road to Highway 190; north and then southwest on Highway 190 to the junction of Highway 395 at Olancha; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season:

1. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
2. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
3. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
4. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags:

1. Period Two: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.
2. Period Three: 2 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.

~~3. Period Four: 2 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~4. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(6)-(7) Tinemaha General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 168 in the town of Big Pine; north and east along Highway 168 to the junction of the Death Valley Road; south and east along the Death Valley Road to the junction of the Papoose Flat Road; south along the Papoose Flat Road to the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 11S, Range 35E; west along the southern boundaries of sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the terminus of the Aberdeen Station Road in Section 5, Township 11S, Range 35E; south and west along the Aberdeen Station Road to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~3. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~4. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Period Two: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~2. Period Three: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~3. Period Four: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~4. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(7)-(8) West Tinemaha General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 168 in the town of Big Pine; south along Highway 395 to the north junction of Fish Springs Road; south along Fish Springs Road to the junction of Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to Taboose Creek in Section 14, Township 11S, Range 34E; west along Taboose Creek to the Inyo County line; north and west along the Inyo County line to the intersection of Tinemaha Creek; east along Tinemaha Creek to the intersection of McMurray Meadow Road; north on McMurray Meadow Road to the intersection of Glacier Lodge Road; north and east on Glacier Lodge Road to Crocker Avenue; east along Crocker Avenue to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Period One: The season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~3. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~4. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~5. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

- ~~1. Period One: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~
- ~~2. Period Two: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~
- ~~3. Period Three: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~
- ~~4. Period Four: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~
- ~~5. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(8) (9) Tinemaha Mountain General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County with a line beginning at the intersection of Glacier Lodge Road (9S21) and McMurray Meadow Road (9S03); south on McMurray Meadow Road to Tinemaha Creek; west along Tinemaha Creek to the Inyo County line; north and west along the Inyo County line to the southeast corner of Section 23, Township 10S, Range 32E; north along the eastern boundaries of sections 23, 14, 11, 2, Township 10S, Range 32E, and the eastern boundary of Section 36, Township 9S, Range 32E to Glacier Lodge Road; east along Glacier Lodge Road to the beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

- ~~1. Period One: The season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~
- ~~2. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~
- ~~3. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~
- ~~4. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~
- ~~5. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

- ~~1. Period One: 0 bull tags.~~
- ~~2. Period Two: 0 bull tags.~~
- ~~3. Period Three: 1 bull tag.~~
- ~~4. Period Four: 1 bull tag.~~
- ~~5. Period Five: 0 bull tags.~~

~~(9) (10) Whitney General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County with a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Onion Valley Road; south on Highway 395 to the intersection of Whitney Portal Road; west along Whitney Portal Road to the northern boundary of Section 36, Township 15S, Range 34E; west along the northern boundary of sections 36, 35, 34 and 33 Township 15S, Range 34 E to the Inyo County Line; north along the Inyo County Line to the intersection of Section 27 Township 13S, range 33E; east along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26 and 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; north along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the intersection of Onion Valley Road; east along Onion Valley Road to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

1. Period Two: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
2. Period Three: The season shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
3. Period Four: The season shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
4. Period Five: The season shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags:

1. Period Two: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.
2. Period Three: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.
3. Period Four: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.
4. Period Five: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.

(10) ~~(11)~~ Grizzly Island General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those lands owned and managed by the Department of Fish and Game as the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. In that portion of Solano County within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 12 and Highway 80; southwest along Highway 80 to Highway 680; south along Highway 680 to the Solano County line at the Benecia Bridge; east and north along the Solano County line to Highway 12 near the town of Rio Vista; north and west along Highway 12 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season:

1. Period One: The season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.
2. Period Two: The season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the third Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the third Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.
3. Period Three: The season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the fourth Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the first Monday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.
4. Period Four: The season for antlerless elk shall open on the second Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on Thursday following the second Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.
5. Period Five: The season for antlerless elk shall open on the third Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday following the third Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(C) Number of License Tags:

1. Period One: 0 bull tags, 4 spike bull tags, and 5 antlerless tags.
2. Period Two: 0 bull tags, 3 spike bull tags, and 8 antlerless tags.
3. Period Three: 0 bull tags, 2 spike bull tags, and 8 antlerless tags.

4. Period Four: 2 bull tags, 0 spike bull tags, and 8 antlerless tags.

5. Period Five: 2 bull tags, 2 spike bull tags, and 8 antlerless tags

(D) (B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.

(11)-(12) Fort Hunter Liggett ~~Central Coast~~ General Public ~~General Methods~~ Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer. In those portions of San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Kings, Fresno, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties within a line beginning in Monterey County at the junction of Highway 198 and Highway 101; south along Highway 101 to the northern boundary of Camp Roberts California Army National Guard Base near the town of Bradley; northeast and then south along the northern and eastern boundaries of Camp Roberts to Highway 101 in San Luis Obispo County; south along Highway 101 to Highway 46; south and west along Highway 46 to Highway 1; south and east along Highway 1 to Nikki Beach Drive south of the town of Harmony; west and south along Harmony Ranch Road to the southern boundary of Section 19, Township 28S, Range 9E; west along the southern boundary of Section 19, Township 28S, Range 9E to the Pacific Coastline; north along the Pacific Coastline to the Monterey-Santa Cruz county line north of Zmudowski State Beach; northeast along the Monterey-Santa Cruz county line to Highway 1; northwest on Highway 1 to Highway 152 in Santa Cruz County; east and north along Highway 152 to Highway 156 in Santa Clara; southwest along Highway 156 to Highway 25 near the town of Hollister in San Benito County; south along Highway 25 to Panoche Road/County Highway J1 near the town Paicines; south and east along Panoche Road/County Highway J1 to Little Panoche Road/County Highway J1; north and east along Little Panoche Road/County Highway J1 to Interstate 5 in Fresno County; south along Interstate 5 to Highway 33; southwest along Highway 33 to the Highway 198 in Coalinga; west along Highway 198 to Parkfield Grade Road/Parkfield Coalinga Road near Parkfield Junction; south along Parkfield Grade Road/Parkfield Coalinga Road to the intersection with the Fresno-Monterey County Line; north along the Fresno-Monterey County Line to the intersection of Smith Mountain Lookout road; south and west along Smith Mountain Lookout road to the intersection with Slack Canyon Road; north and west along Slack Canyon road to Peach Tree Road; north along Peach Tree Road to the Junction of Highway 198; west along Highway 198 to the point of beginning; including portions lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

(B) Season: Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).

1. Period One: The season shall open on the first Tuesday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.

2. Period Two: The season shall open on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.

3. Period Three: The season shall open on the Saturday preceding December 25 and continue for 14 consecutive days.

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Period One: 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~2. Period Two: 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~3. Period Three: 4 bull tags.~~

~~(E) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~3. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

~~4. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~(12)-(13) East Park Reservoir General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In those portions of Glenn and Colusa counties within a line beginning in Glenn County at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 and Highway 162 at Willows; west along Highway 162 (Highway 162 becomes Alder Springs Road) to the Glenn-Mendocino County line; south along the Glenn-Mendocino County line to the Glenn-Lake County line; east and then south along the Glenn-Lake County line to the Colusa-Lake County line; west, and then southeast along the Colusa-Lake County line to Goat Mountain Road; north and east along Goat Mountain Road to the Lodoga-Stonyford Road; east along the Lodoga-Stonyford Road to the Sites-Lodoga Road at Lodoga; east along the Sites-Lodoga Road to the Maxwell-Sites Road at Sites; east along the Maxwell-Sites Road to Interstate Highway 5 at Maxwell; north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open the first Saturday in September and continue for 27 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D)-(B) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Access to private land may be restricted or require payment of an access fee.~~

~~3. A Colusa County ordinance prohibits firearms on land administered by the USDI Bureau of Reclamation in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir. A variance has been requested to allow use of muzzleloaders (as defined in Section 353) on Bureau of Reclamation land within the hunt zone.~~

~~(13)-(14) San Luis Reservoir General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: In those portions of Merced, Fresno, San Benito, and Santa Clara counties within a line beginning in Merced County at the junction of Highway 152 and Interstate 5 near the town of Santa Nella, west along Highway 152 to Highway 156 in Santa Clara~~

County, southwest along Highway 156 to Highway 25 near the town of Hollister in San Benito County, south along Highway 25 to the town of Paicine, south and east along J1 to Little Panoche Road, North and east along Little Panoche Road to Interstate 5 in Fresno County, north along Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and continue for 23 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags, 0 antlerless tags, and 5 either-sex tags.~~

~~(14) (15) Bear Valley General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: in those portions of Colusa, Lake, and Yolo counties within a line beginning in Colusa County at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 and Maxwell Sites Road at Maxwell; west along Maxwell Sites Road to the Sites Lodoga Road; west along the Sites Lodoga Road to Lodoga Stonyford Road; west along Lodoga Stonyford Road to Goat Mountain Road; west and south along Goat Mountain Road to the Colusa-Lake County line; south and west along the Colusa-Lake County line to Forest Route M5; south along Forest Route M5 to Bartlett Springs Road; east along Bartlett Springs Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the fork of Cache Creek; north on the north fork of Cache Creek to Indian Valley Reservoir to Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road; east on Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road to Walker Ridge Road; south on Walker Ridge Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to Highway 16; south on Highway 16 to Rayhouse Road; south and west on Rayhouse Road to the Yolo-Napa County line; east and south along the Yolo-Napa County line to Road 8053; east on Road 8053 to County Road 78A; east on County Road 78A to Highway 16; east on Highway 16 to Route E4 at Capay; north and east on Route E4 to Interstate Highway 5; north on Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 3 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.~~

~~(15) (16) Lake Pillsbury General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: in those portions of Lake County within a line beginning at the junction of the Glenn-Lake County line and the Mendocino County line; south and west along the Mendocino-Lake County line to Highway 20; southeast on Highway 20 to the intersection of Bartlett Springs Road; north and east along Bartlett Springs Road to the intersection of Forest Route M5; northwest on Forest Route M5 to the Colusa-Lake County Line; northwest and east on the Colusa-Lake County Line to the junction of the Glenn-Colusa County Line and the Lake-Glenn County Line; north and west on the Lake-Glenn County Line to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Antlerless Season. The antlerless season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Bull Season. The bull season shall open Monday following the fourth Saturday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 2 bull tags and 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~(16) (17) Santa Clara General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Those portions of Merced, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus Counties within the following line: beginning at the intersection of the Interstate 5 and the San~~

Joaquin/Stanslaus County line; southeast along Interstate 5 to the intersection of Highway 152; west along Highway 152 to the intersection of Highway 101 near the town of Gilroy; north along Highway 101 to the intersection of Interstate 680 near San Jose; north along Interstate 680 to the intersection of the Alameda/Santa Clara County line; east along the Alameda/Santa Clara County line to the intersection of the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Alameda, Santa Clara County lines; northeast along the San Joaquin/Stanslaus County line to the point of beginning.

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags.~~

~~(17) (48) Alameda General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Those portions of Alameda and San Joaquin Counties within the following line: beginning at the intersection of the Interstate 5 and the San Joaquin/Stanslaus County line; southwest along the San Joaquin/Stanslaus County line to the intersection of the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Alameda, Santa Clara County lines; west along the Alameda/Santa Clara County Line to the intersection of Interstate 680; north along Interstate 680 to the intersection of Interstate 580; east and south along Interstate 580 to the intersection of Interstate 5; south along Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags.~~

~~(19) San Emigdio Mountain General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Those portions of Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties within the following line: beginning at the junction of Highway 166 (Maricopa Highway) and Interstate Highway 5 in Kern County; west along Highway 166 to where it joins Highway 33 (West Side Highway) near Maricopa; south and west along highways 166 and 33 to their point of divergence in San Luis Obispo County; south along Highway 33 to Lockwood Valley Road in Ventura County; east and north along Lockwood Valley Road to Lake of the Woods where Lockwood Valley Road becomes Frazier Mountain Park Road; west along Frazier Mountain Park Road to Interstate Highway 5; and north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.~~

~~(20) Camp Roberts General Public General Methods Tule Elk Hunt~~

~~(A) Area: That portion of Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties lying within the exterior boundaries of Camp Roberts, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(B) Camp Roberts Special Conditions: See Subsection 364(g).~~

~~(e) Department Administered General Methods Apprentice Elk Hunts~~

~~(1) Siskiyou General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(1)(A).~~

~~(1) (21) Marble Mountains North General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(6)(A) 364(a)(43)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 2 either-sex tags.~~

~~(D)~~ (B) Special Conditions: Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

~~(3)~~ Marble Mountains South General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice Hunt:

~~(A)~~ Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(5)(A).

~~(B)~~ Special Conditions: Only persons possessing valid junior Hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

~~(2)~~ (4) Northeastern California General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Apprentice Elk Hunt:

~~(A)~~ Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(b)(1)(A).

~~(B)~~ Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

~~(C)~~ Number of License Tags: Apprentice Season: 2 either-sex tags.

~~(D)~~ (B) Special Conditions: Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt License tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

~~(3)~~ (5) Cache Creek General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:

~~(A)~~ Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(1)(A).

~~(B)~~ Season: The season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.

~~(C)~~ Number of License Tags: Apprentice Season: 1 bull tag.

~~(D)~~ (B) Special Conditions:

1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

2. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

~~(4)~~ (6) La Panza General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:

~~(A)~~ Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(2)(A).

~~(B)~~ Season: Period One shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.

~~(C)~~ Number of License Tags: Period One: 1 antlerless tag and 0 bull tags.

~~(D)~~ (B) Special Conditions:

1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.

2. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunter tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

~~(5)~~ (7) Bishop General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(3)(A).

~~(B) Season: Period Two shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: Period Two: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.~~

~~(6) (8) Grizzly Island General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(10)(A) 364(d)(11)(A).~~

~~(B) Season:~~

~~1. Period One Season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Period Two Season for spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the third Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Period One: 3 antlerless tags and 1 spike bull tag.~~

~~2. Period Two: 2 spike bull tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.~~

~~(7) (9) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Methods General Public Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A) 364(d)(12)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Saturday preceding December 25 and continue for 14 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags: 1 bull tag and 1 antlerless tags.~~

~~(E) (B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

3. (C) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

4. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.

5. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.

(f) Department Administered Archery Only Elk Hunts:

(1) Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Archery Only Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(b)(1)(A).

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 10 either-sex tags.~~

~~(E) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

(2) Owens Valley Multiple Zone ~~Tule~~ Elk Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in areas described in subsections 364(d)(3)(A),

~~(d)(4)(A), and (d)(5)(A), (d)(8)(A), and (d)(9)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 5 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

~~(3) Goodale Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(5)(A).~~

~~(B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

(3) ~~(4)(3)~~ Lone Pine ~~Tule~~ Elk Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(5)(A)

~~364(d)(6)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: Period One Season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: Period One: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

(4) ~~(5)~~ Tinemaha ~~Tule~~ Elk Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(6)(A)

~~364(d)(7)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: Period One Season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: Period One: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

(5) ~~(6)~~ Whitney ~~Tule~~ Elk Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(9)(A) ~~364(d)(10)(A)~~.

~~(B) Season: Period One Season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags: Period One: 0 bull tags and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(E) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

~~(6) (7) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Public Tule Elk Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A) 364(d)(12)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).~~

~~1. Either sex season shall open on the last Wednesday in July and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Antlerless Season shall open on the last Wednesday in September and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags: 2 either sex tags and 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~(E) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~3. (C) Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

~~4. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

~~5. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~(g) Department Administered Muzzleloader Only Elk Hunts:~~

~~(1) Bishop Tule Elk Hunt Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(3)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: Period One Season shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: Period One: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with muzzleloader equipment only as specified in Section 353.~~

~~(2) Independence Tule Elk Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(4)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: Period One Season shall open on the second Saturday in September and for extend 16 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: Period One: 1 bull tag and 0 antlerless tags.~~

~~(D)-(B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with muzzleloader equipment only as extend specified in Section 353.~~

~~(3) Goodale Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(5)(A).~~

~~(B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with muzzleloader equipment only as specified in Section 353.~~

~~(3) (4) Fort Hunter Liggett Central Coast General Public Tule Elk Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A) 364(d)(12)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days. Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).~~

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags.~~

~~(E) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~3. (C) Elk may be taken with Muzzleloader Equipment only as specified in Section 353.~~

~~4. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

~~5. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~(h) Department Administered Muzzleloader/Archery Only Elk Hunts:~~

~~(1) Siskiyou-Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Muzzleloader/Archery Only Roosevelt Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(1)(A).~~

~~(B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with archery or muzzleloader equipment only as specified in Sections 353 and 354.~~

~~(1) (2) Marble Mountains North Roosevelt Elk Muzzleloader/Archery Only Roosevelt Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(6)(A) 364(a)(43)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The Season shall open on the last Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 5 either-sex tags.~~

~~(D) (B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with archery or muzzleloader equipment only as specified in Sections 353 and 354.~~

~~(3) Marble Mountains South Muzzleloader/Archery Only Roosevelt Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(5)(A).~~

~~(B) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken with archery or muzzleloader equipment only as specified in Sections 353 and 354.~~

~~(i) Fund Raising Elk Tags Hunts.~~

~~(1) Multi-zone Fund Raising License Tag Elk Hunt.~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the areas described in subsections 364(a)(1)(A), (a)(2)(A), (a)(3)(A), (a)(4)(A), (a)(5)(A), (a)(6)(A), (b)(1)(A), and (d)(2)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The tag shall be valid during the following seasons.~~

~~1. Siskiyou and Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 19 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Northwestern Roosevelt Elk Season shall open on last Wednesday in August and continue for 30 consecutive days.~~

~~3. Northeastern Rocky Mountain Elk Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the last Saturday in August and continue for 33 consecutive days.~~

~~4. La Panza Tule Elk Season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 65 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 1 bull tag.~~

~~(2) Grizzly Island Fund Raising License Tag Tule Elk Hunt.~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(10)(A) 364(d)(11)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The Season shall open on the first Saturday in August and continue for 30 consecutive days, with advance Special Conditions: Advance reservations required by contacting the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area by telephone at (707) 425-3828.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 1 bull tag.~~

~~(3) Owens Valley Fund Raising License Tag Tule Elk Hunt.~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in areas described in subsections 364(d)(3)(A), (d)(4)(A), (d)(5)(A), (d)(6)(A), (d)(7)(A), (d)(8)(A), and (d)(9)(A), and (d)(10)(A).~~

~~(B) Season: The Season shall open on the last Saturday in July and extend for 30 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Number of License Tags: 1 bull tag.~~

~~(j) Military Only Elk Tags Hunts. These hunts are sponsored and tag quotas are set by the Department. The tags are assigned and the hunts are administered by the Department of Defense:~~

~~(1) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A). That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(B) Season: Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).~~

~~1. The Early Season shall open on the third Monday in August and continue for 5 consecutive days and reopen on the fourth Monday in August and continue for 5 consecutive days.~~

~~2. Period One: The season shall open on the first Tuesday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

~~3. Period Two: The season shall open on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

4. ~~Period Three: The season shall open on the Saturday preceding December 25 and continue for 14 consecutive days.~~

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags:~~

~~1. Early Season: 2 bull tags and 1 antlerless tag.~~

~~2. Period One: 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~3. Period Two: 4 antlerless tags.~~

~~4. Period Three: 4 bull tags.~~

~~(E) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~3. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

~~4. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~(2) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Tule Elk Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A). That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(B) Season: The season shall open on the Saturday preceding December 25 and continue for 14 consecutive days. Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).~~

~~(C) Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(D) Number of License Tags: 1 bull tag and 1 antlerless tags.~~

~~(E) Special Conditions:~~

~~1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~2. Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~3. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~4. All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

~~5. (C) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.~~

~~(3) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:~~

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A). That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

(B) Season: Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).

1. ~~Either sex season shall open on the last Wednesday in July and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

2. ~~Antlerless Season shall open on the last Wednesday in September and continue for 9 consecutive days.~~

(C) ~~Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

(D) ~~Number of License Tags: 2 either sex tags and 4 antlerless tags.~~

(E) ~~Special Conditions:~~

1. ~~(C) Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.~~

2. ~~All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.~~

3. ~~Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

4. ~~All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.~~

5. ~~Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

(4) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A). That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

(B) Season: ~~The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days~~ Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).

(C) ~~Due to military operations, season dates are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between August 1 and January 31 by the Commanding Officer.~~

(D) ~~Number of License Tags: 0 bull tags.~~

(E) ~~Special Conditions:~~

1. ~~Elk may be taken with Muzzleloader Equipment only as specified in Section 353.~~

2. ~~All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.~~

3. ~~Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

4. ~~All successful tagholders~~ The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(A) will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to Fort Hunter Liggett immediately upon completion of their hunt.

~~5. Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.~~

~~(5) Camp Roberts Military Only General Methods Tule Elk Hunt.~~

~~(A) Area: That portion of Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties lying within the exterior boundaries of Camp Roberts, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(q).~~

~~(k) Bag and Possession Limit: Each elk tag is valid only for one elk per season and only in the hunt area drawn. Hunt areas are described in subsections 364(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) and persons shall only be eligible for one elk tag per season.~~

~~(l) Definitions:~~

~~(1) Bull elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.~~

~~(2) Spike bull: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base.~~

~~(3) Antlerless elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.~~

~~(4) Either-sex elk: For the purposes of these regulations, either-sex is defined as bull elk, as described in subsection 364(A)(1), spike elk, or antlerless elk as described in subsection 364(A)(3).~~

~~(m) Method of Take: Only methods for taking elk as defined in Sections 353 and 354 may be used.~~

~~(n) General Method of take are these methods defined in Sections 353 and 354.~~

~~(o) (n) Tagholder Responsibilities:~~

~~(1) No tagholder shall take or possess any elk or parts thereof governed by the regulations except herein provided.~~

~~(2) The department reserves the right to use any part of the tagholder's elk for biological analysis as long as the amount of edible meat is not appreciably decreased.~~

~~(3) Any person taking an elk which has a collar or other marking device attached to it shall provide the department with such marking device within 10 days of taking the elk.~~

~~(p) (o) The use of dogs to take or attempt to take elk is prohibited.~~

~~(p) Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions:~~

~~(1) All tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.~~

~~(2) Tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.~~

~~(3) All successful tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving.~~

~~(4) Due to military operations and training, the specified season dates within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett are subject to further restriction, cancellation, or may be rescheduled, between August 1 and January 31, by the Commanding Officer.~~

~~(q) Camp Roberts Special Conditions:~~

~~(1) All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.~~

(2) Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Camp Roberts.

(3) All successful tagholders will be required to have their tags validated on Camp Roberts prior to leaving.

(4) Due to military operations and training, the specified season dates within the exterior boundaries of Camp Roberts are subject to further restriction, cancellation, or may be rescheduled, between August 1 and January 31, by the Commanding Officer.

[Proposed 2016 Elk Tag Allocations are shown in ranges]

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(r) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Siskiyou Period 1	[0-40]	[0-40]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-40]		
		Shall open on the last Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-5]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the first Wednesday in November and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(1)(A)	Siskiyou	[0-30]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(2)(A)	Northwestern	[0-15]	[0-10]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 23 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Marble Mountains	[0-70]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(3)(A)	Humboldt Period 1	[0-20]	[0-50]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on September 1 and continue for 20 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-20]	[0-50]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on October 1 and continue for 20 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-20]	[0-50]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on November 1 and continue for 20 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 4	[0-20]	[0-50]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on December 1 and continue for 20 consecutive days.			
(E)	Period 5	[0-20]	[0-50]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on January 1 and continue for 20 consecutive days.			
(4)(A)	Marble Mountain North Period 1	[0-50]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-40]		
		Shall open on the last Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-5]	[0-15]		
		Shall open on the first Wednesday in November and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(5)(A)	Marble Mountain South Period 1	[0-50]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-40]		

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
		Shall open on the last Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-5]	[0-15]		
		Shall open on the first Wednesday in November and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(s) Department Administered General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Northeastern California	[0-30]	[0-10]		
		The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days			
(t) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Mendocino North Coast Bull	[0-10]			
		The bull season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(B)	Antlerless		[0-40]		
		The antlerless season shall open the first Saturday in November and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(2)(A)	Mendocino Middle Fork Bull	[0-10]			
		The bull season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(A)	Antlerless		[0-40]		
		The antlerless season shall open the first Saturday in November and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Mendocino Upper Russian River Bull	[0-10]			
		The bull season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(B)	Antlerless		[0-40]		
		The antlerless season shall open the first Saturday in November and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(4)(A)	Mendocino Little Lake Bull	[0-5]			
		The bull season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days			
(A)	Antlerless		[0-10]		
		The antlerless season shall open the first Saturday in November and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(5)(A)	Mendocino South Coast Bull	[0-5]			
		The bull season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days			
(B)	Antlerless		[0-10]		
		The antlerless season shall open the first Saturday in November and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(t) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Mendocino	[0-4]	[0-4]		
		The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the fourth Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(u) Department Administered General Methods Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Cache Creek Bull	[0-104]			
		The Bull season shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	Antlerless		[0-104]		
		The Antlerless season shall open on the third Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(2)(A)	La Panza Period 1	[0-2012]	[0-3010]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days			
(B)	Period 2	[0-2012]	[0-3012]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Bishop Period 3	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 4	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 5	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(4)(A)	Independence Period 2	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 4	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 5	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(5)(A)	Goodale Period 4	[0-10]	[0-10]		

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 4	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(E)	Period 5	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(6)(A) (5)(A)	Lone Pine Period 2	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 4	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 5	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(7)(A) (6)(A)	Tinemaha Period 2	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			

§	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>1. Bull Tags</u>	<u>2. Antlerless Tags</u>	<u>3. Either-Sex Tags</u>	<u>4. Spike Tags</u>
		<u>5. Season</u>			
(B)	<u>Period 3</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	<u>Period 4</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	<u>Period 5</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(8)(A) (7)(A)	<u>West Tinemaha Period 1</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	<u>Period 2</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	<u>Period 3</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	<u>Period 4</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(E)	<u>Period 5</u>	[0-10]	[0-30]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(9)(A) (8)(A)	<u>Tinemaha Mountain Period 1</u>	[0-8]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	<u>Period 2</u>	[0-8]			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-8]			
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days			
(D)	Period 4	[0-8]			
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(E)	Period 5	[0-8]			
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(10)(A) (9)(A)	Whitney Period 2	[0-4]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 3	[0-4]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days			
(C)	Period 4	[0-4]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 5	[0-4]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(11)(A) (10)(A)	Grizzly Island Period 1	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the second Tuesday after the first Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period one and continue for 4 consecutive days.			

§	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>1. Bull Tags</u>	<u>2. Antlerless Tags</u>	<u>3. Either-Sex Tags</u>	<u>4. Spike Tags</u>
		<u>5. Season</u>			
(C)	<u>Period 3</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period two and continue for 4 consecutive days			
(D)	<u>Period 4</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period three and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(E)	<u>Period 5</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period four and continue for 4 consecutive days			
(F)	<u>Period 6</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period five and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(G)	<u>Period 7</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period six and continue for 4 consecutive days			
(H)	<u>Period 8</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period seven and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(I)	<u>Period 9</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period eight and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(J)	<u>Period 10</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period nine and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(K)	<u>Period 11</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period ten and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(L)	<u>Period 12</u>	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period eleven and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(M)	Period 13	[0-3]	[0-12]		[0-106]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period twelve and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(12)(A) (11)(A)	Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Period 1	[0-14]	[0-16]		
		Shall open on the first Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-14]	[0-16]		
		Shall open November 22 and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-14]	[0-14]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in December and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(13)(A) (12)(A)	East Park Reservoir	[0-64]	[0-208]		
		Shall open the first Saturday in September and continue for 27 consecutive days.			
(13)(A)	San Luis Reservoir	[0-10]	[0-10]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and continue for 23 consecutive days.			
(14)(A)	San Luis Reservoir Period 4	[0-10]	[0-20]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on the first Saturday in October and continue for 23 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-20]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on the second Saturday in November and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-20]	[0-10]	
		Shall open on the third Saturday in December and continue for 12 consecutive days.			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(15)(A) (14)(A)	Bear Valley	[0-104]	[0-102]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(16)(A)	Lake Pillsbury Period 1	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the Monday following the fourth Saturday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the second Wednesday in October and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the fourth Wednesday in October and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(15)(A)	Lake Pillsbury Period 1		[0-4]		
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-4]			
		Shall open Monday following the fourth Saturday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.			
(17)(A) (16)(A)	Santa Clara	[0-154]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(18)(A) (17)(A)	Alameda	[0-4]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(19)(A)	San Emigdio Mountain	[0-15]	[0-40]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in November and continue for 14 consecutive days.			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(20)(A)	Camp Roberts Public Period 1	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in September and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 2	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in November and continue for 16 consecutive days			
(C)	Period 3	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open 16 days prior to January 2 and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(v) Department Administered Apprentice Hunts					
(1)(A)	Siskiyou General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice			[0-2]	
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(1)(A)	Marble Mountain General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice			[0-4]	
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(2)(A)	Marble Mountain North General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice			[0-4]	
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Marble Mountain South General Methods Roosevelt Elk Apprentice			[0-4]	
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(4)(A) (2)(A)	Northeast California General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Apprentice			[0-4]	
		Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
(5)(A) (3)(A)	Cache Creek General Methods	[0-2]	[0-2]		
	Tule Elk Apprentice	Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(6)(A) (4)(A)	La Panza General Methods	[0-2]	[0-2]		
	Tule Elk Apprentice	Shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.			
(7)(A) (5)(A)	Bishop General Methods	[0-10]	[0-30]		
	Tule Elk Apprentice Period 2	Shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.			
(8)(A) (6)(A)	Grizzly Island General Methods		[0-4]		[0-4]
	Tule Elk Apprentice Period 1	Shall open on the second Tuesday after the first Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days			
(B)	Period 2		[0-4]		[0-4]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period one and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 3		[0-4]		[0-4]
		Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of period two and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(D)	Period 4		[0-4]		[0-4]
		Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of period three and continue for 4 consecutive days.			
(9)(A) (7)(A)	Fort Hunter Liggett General Public	[0-2]	[0-8]		
	General Methods Apprentice	Shall open on the third Saturday in December and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(w) Department Administered Archery Only Hunts					
(1)(A)	Northeast California Archery Only	[0-10]	[0-10]	[0-20]	
	Shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 12				

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags	
		5. Season				
		consecutive days.				
(2)(A)	Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery Only	[0-10]	[0-10]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 9 consecutive days.				
(3)(A)	Goodale Archery Only Period 1	[0-10]	[0-10]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.				
(4)(A) (3)(A)	Lone Pine Archery Only Period 1	[0-10]	[0-30]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.				
(5)(A) (4)(A)	Tinemaha Archery Only Period 1	[0-10]	[0-30]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.				
(6)(A) (5)(A)	Whitney Archery Only Period 1	[0-10]	[0-30]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.				
(7)(A) (6)(A)	Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Archery Only Either Sex			[0-10]		
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in July and continue for 9 consecutive days				
(B)	Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Archery Only Antlerless		[0-10]			
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in September and continue for 9 consecutive days				
(x) Department Administered Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunts						
(1)(A)	Bishop Muzzleloader Only Period 1	[0-10]	[0-30]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.				
(2)(A)	Independence Muzzleloader Only	[0-10]	[0-10]			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
	Period 1	Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Goodale Muzzleloader Only	[0-10]	[0-10]		
	Period 1	Shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.			
(4)(A)	Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Muzzleloader Only	[0-6]	[0-10]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(y) Department Administered Muzzleloader/Archery Only Hunts					
(1)(A)	Marble Mountain Muzzleloader/Archery Roosevelt Elk			[0-20]	
		Shall open on the last Saturday in October and extend or 9 consecutive days.			
(1)(A)	Siskiyou Muzzleloader/Archery Roosevelt Elk			[0-20]	
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(2)(A)	Marble Mountain North Muzzleloader/Archery Roosevelt Elk			[0-20]	
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(3)(B)	Marble Mountain South Muzzleloader/Archery Roosevelt Elk			[0-20]	
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(z) Fund Raising Elk Tags					
(1)(A)	Multi-zone Fund Raising Tags	1			

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		5. Season			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in August and continue for 90 consecutive days Siskiyou and Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 19 consecutive days. Northwestern Roosevelt Elk Season shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 30 consecutive days. Northeastern Rocky Mountain Elk Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the last Saturday in August and continue for 33 consecutive days. La Panza Tule Elk Season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 65 consecutive days.			
(2)(A)	Grizzly Island Fund Raising Tags	1			
		Shall open on the first Saturday in August and continue for 30 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	Owens Valley Fund Raising Tags	1			
		Shall open on the last Saturday in July and extend for 30 consecutive days.			
(aa) Military Only Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)(A)	Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only General Methods Early Season	[0-2]	[0-2]		
		The early season shall open on the second Monday in August and continue for 5 consecutive days and reopen on the fourth Monday in August and continue for 5 consecutive days.			
(B)	Period 1		[0-16]		
		Shall open on the first Thursday in November and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(C)	Period 2		[0-14]		
		Shall open November 22 and continue for 9 consecutive days.			

§	Hunt	<u>1. Bull Tags</u>	<u>2. Antlerless Tags</u>	<u>3. Either-Sex Tags</u>	<u>4. Spike Tags</u>
		<u>5. Season</u>			
(D)	<u>Period 3</u>	[0-14]			
		Shall open on the third Saturday in December and continue for 16 consecutive days			
(2)(A)	<u>Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only</u> <u>General Methods</u> <u>Apprentice</u>	[0-2]	[0-8]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in December and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(3)(A)	<u>Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only</u> <u>Archery Only</u> <u>Either sex</u>			[0-6]	
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in July and continue for 9 consecutive days			
(B)	<u>Antlerless</u>		[0-10]		
		Shall open on the last Wednesday in September and continue for 9 consecutive days.			
(4)(B)	<u>Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only</u> <u>Muzzleloader Only</u>	[0-6]			
		Shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 12 consecutive days.			
(5)(A)	<u>Camp Roberts Military Only</u> <u>General Methods</u> <u>Period 1</u>	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the third Saturday in September and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(B)	<u>Period 2</u>	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open on the second Saturday in November and continue for 16 consecutive days.			
(C)	<u>Period 3</u>	[0-10]	[0-20]		
		Shall open 16 days prior to January 2 and continue for 16 consecutive days.			

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 332 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 203, 203.1, 332, 713 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-Publication of Notice Statement)

Amend Section 364.1
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: SHARE Elk Hunts

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: October 12, 2015
February 11, 2017 (Amended)
- II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
- (a) Notice Hearing: Date: December 10, 2015
Location: San Diego, CA
- (b) Discussion Hearing: Date: February 11, 2016
Location: Sacramento, CA
- (c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 14, 2016
Location: Santa Rosa, CA
- III. Description of Regulatory Action:
- (a) Statement of Specific Purpose of Regulation Change and Factual Basis for Determining that Regulation Change is Reasonably Necessary:
1. It is necessary for the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to improve the hunting regulations and make them more user-friendly.

Section 364.1, SHARE Elk Hunts, is proposed to be amended in conjunction with the amendments to Section 364, Elk. This is necessary because of the addition of new hunt zones, zone splitting, zone boundary modifications, and tag quota modifications in the amended 364 regulations. The SHARE private property elk hunts correspond with elk hunts identified in 364. These regulations authorize SHARE elk hunts with separate seasons and tag quotas. Tag issuance will be through the SHARE program utilizing the department's existing tag distribution procedures.

Current subsection 364.1(c) contains a Table setting forth the hunt tag quotas. CDFW proposes to move the area descriptions (in the same order and number as provided in Section 364) to the table. For example, part of the current regulation in subsection 364(a) reads as follows:

"§ 364.1. SHARE Elk Hunts.

(a) Department Administered Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational

Enhancement (SHARE) Elk Hunts:

(1) Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(1)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package."

The Table will be formatted in the same order as the hunts described in Section 364 and the Areas will be placed in the amended Table as shown in the example below:

§ 364.1. SHARE: Department Administered Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement Elk Hunts

Enhancement Elk Hunts						
§	Hunt	(A) Tag Quota	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
			(B) Area			
(i) Department Administered SHARE Roosevelt Elk Hunts						
(1)	Siskiyou	10	10			
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(1)(A).				

The complete Table and text is found in the attached amended Regulatory Text of Section 364.1.

2. Number of Tags.

In order to achieve appropriate harvest levels and maintain hunting quality it is necessary to annually adjust quotas (total number of tags) in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. Department regulations specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt in accordance with management goals and objectives. The proposed amendments will modify Section 364.1, adding a new subsection (a) to include a Table which specifies the number of elk tags in each hunt area for the 2016 season. However, the amendments to Section 364.1 will begin with a range of tags (expressed as [0 - 40], etc.) since the final recommendations for quotas cannot be determined until winter survey data and harvest results are analyzed.

The final number of tags will be recommended to the Commission at the adoption hearing in April 2016, based upon the completion of winter elk surveys and resulting data analysis.

(b) Authority and Reference:

Authority: Fish and Game Code sections 200, 202, 203, 332 and 1050.

Reference: Fish and Game Code sections 203, 203.1, 332, 713, and 1050.

(c) Specific Technology or Equipment Required by Regulatory Change: None.

(d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change:

~~2016 Draft Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting~~
Final Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting dated April 21, 2010

(e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

A public discussion was held at the Fish and Game Commission's Wildlife Resources Committee meeting held on September 9, 2015 in Fresno, California.

IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

No alternatives were identified. Elk tag quotas must be adjusted periodically in response to a variety of environmental and biological conditions including forage availability, population structure, and overwinter survival rates. Elk populations have increased and landowner conflicts have also escalated in several areas. Adjusting tag quotas provides for appropriate harvest levels within the zones.

Failure to adjust SHARE hunt areas in Section 364.1 to correspond with elk hunts in Section 364 would create inconsistency in regulation regarding both zone boundaries and tag ranges.

(b) No Change Alternative:

The no change alternative was considered and rejected because Section 364.1 must correspond with the elk hunts described in amended Section 364; not doing so would create confusion in both zone boundaries and tag ranges.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

V. Mitigation Measures Required by Regulatory Action:

The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment; therefore, no mitigation measures are needed. The number of tags that will be issued from the newly proposed range will result in a harvest that is at or below the harvest analyzed in the ~~2016 Draft Environmental Document Regarding Elk hunting.~~ Final Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting dated April 21, 2010.

VI. Impact of Regulatory Action.

This proposed action adjusts tag quotas. Given the number of tags available, and the area over which they are distributed, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States.

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Considering the small number of tags issued over the entire state, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The proposed action will not affect jobs or businesses in California and does not provide benefits to worker safety.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. The Commission anticipates benefits to the State's environment in the sustainable management of natural resources.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons/Business.

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State. None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies. None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts. None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4. None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs. None.

VII. Economic Impact Assessment.

The proposed action will have no statewide economic or fiscal impact because the proposed action will not constitute a significant change from the last elk season. The number of tags to be set in regulation for 2016 is intended to achieve or maintain the levels set forth in the approved management plans to sustainably manage elk populations and maintain hunting opportunities in subsequent seasons.

(a) Effects of the regulation on the creation or elimination of jobs within the State:

The regulation will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

(b) Effects of the regulation on the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State:

The regulation will not impact the creation of new businesses or the elimination of businesses because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

(c) Effects of the regulation on the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State

The regulation will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State because no significant changes in hunting activity levels are anticipated.

(d) Benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents:

The proposed regulation will not have a direct benefit on the health and welfare of California residents.

(e) Benefits of the regulation to worker safety.

The proposed regulation will not affect worker safety.

(f) Benefits of the regulation to the State's environment

It is the policy of the State to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the living resources. The proposed action will further this core objective.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST (Policy Statement Overview)

Current regulations in Section 364.1, SHARE Elk Hunts, T14, CCR, specify elk tag quotas for each hunt area. In order to achieve elk herd management goals and objectives and maintain hunting quality, it is periodically necessary to adjust quotas in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. In conjunction with proposed amendments to Section 364, Elk, which will delete, amend and add hunt areas, it is necessary to similarly amend Section 364.1 for consistency.

Preliminary tag quota ranges are indicated pending final 2016 tag allocations in accordance with elk management goals and objectives. Survey data collected between October 2015, and March 2016, will be the basis for the final tag numbers recommended to the Commission at the April 2016 adoption hearing. The quota ranges for 2016 elk tags are indicated in the proposed Regulatory Text.

Other minor editorial changes and renumbering have also been made.

The complete Table and text is found in the attached proposed Regulatory Text of Section 364.1.

Benefits of the regulations

The proposed regulations will contribute to the sustainable management of elk populations in California. Existing elk herd management goals specify objective levels for the proportion of bulls in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from annual harvest and herd composition counts where appropriate.

Non-monetary benefits to the public

The Commission does not anticipate non-monetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the prevention of discrimination, the promotion of fairness or social equity and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Consistency with State or Federal Regulations

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202 and 203, has the sole authority to regulate elk hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found the proposed changes pertaining to elk tag allocations are consistent with Title 14. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

The Department, at the Commission's February 11, 2016 meeting in Sacramento requested the Commission consider its withdrawal of the proposed draft 2016 Elk CEQA document, and instead asked the Commission rely on existing CEQA. Reverting back to the original CEQA

proposals requires the renote of proposed regulatory text which included proposals that added additional hunt zones in sections 364 and 364.1 that were identified as projects under the CEQA document being withdrawn, as well as necessary paragraph renumbering.

Final tag quotas and an addendum to the Final Environmental Document regarding Elk Hunting, dated April 21, 2010 will be provided to interested and affected parties at least 15 days prior to its consideration by the Commission at its April 14, 2016 meeting in Santa Rosa.

REGULATORY TEXT

Section 364.1 is amended to read:

§ 364.1. SHARE-Elk Hunts.

(a): Department Administered Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Elk Hunts

(1) Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(1)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(2) Big Lagoon Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(2)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(3) Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(3)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(4) Klamath Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(4)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(5) Del Norte Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(5)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(6) Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk SHARE Hunt

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(a)(6)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(7) Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(b)(1)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(8) Mendocino Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(c)(1)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(9) Cache Creek Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(1)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(10) La Panza Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(2)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(11) Bishop Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(3)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(12) Independence Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(4)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(13) Lone Pine Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:

(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(5)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

~~(14) Tinemaha Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(6)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(15) West Tinemaha Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(7)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(16) Tinemaha Mountain Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(8)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(17) Whitney Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(9)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(18) Grizzly Island Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(10)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(19) Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(11)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(20) East Park Reservoir Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(12)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(21) San Luis Reservoir Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(13)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(22) Bear Valley Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(14)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(23) Lake Pillsbury Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(15)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(24) Santa Clara Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(16)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(25) Alameda Tule Elk SHARE Hunt:~~

~~(A) Area: Within the boundaries identified in Section 364(d)(17)(A). Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.~~

~~(b) (a) Season: The overall season shall open on the August 15 through January 31. Individual SHARE properties will be assigned seasons corresponding with management goals.~~

~~(c) Number of SHARE Elk License Tags~~

	2015 Final SHARE Elk Tag Allocation				
	Hunt Name	Bull	Antlerless	Either-sex	Spike
(1)	Siskiyou	10	10	-	-
(2)	Big Lagoon	0	0	-	-
(3)	Northwestern California	0	0	0	-
(4)	Klamath	0	0	-	-
(5)	Del Norte	0	0	-	-
(6)	Marble Mountains	5	10	-	-
(7)	Northeastern California	0	0	-	-
(8)	Mendocino	2	2	-	-
(9)	Cache Creek	1	1	-	-
(10)	La Panza	12	11	-	-
(11)	Bishop	0	0	-	-
(12)	Independence	0	0	-	-
(13)	Lone Pine	0	0	-	-
(14)	Tinemaha	0	0	-	-
(15)	West Tinemaha	0	0	-	-
(16)	Tinemaha Mountain	0	-	-	-
(17)	Whitney	0	0	-	-
(18)	Grizzly Island	0	0	-	0
(19)	Fort Hunter Liggett	0	0	0	-
(20)	East Park Reservoir	2	4	-	-
(21)	San Luis Reservoir	0	0	5	-
(22)	Bear Valley	1	0	-	-
(23)	Lake Pillsbury	0	0	-	-
(24)	Santa Clara	0	-	-	-
(25)	Alameda	0	-	-	-

(d)(b) Bag and Possession Limit: Each elk tag is valid only for one elk per season and only in the SHARE hunt area drawn, and persons shall only be eligible for one elk tag per season through 364 or 364.1.

(e) Definitions:

(1) Bull elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

(2) Spike bull: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base.

(3) Antlerless elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

(4) Either-sex elk: For the purposes of these regulations, either-sex is defined as bull elk or antlerless elk.

(c) Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(f)-(d) Method of Take: Only methods for taking elk as defined in Sections 353 and 354 may be used.

(g)-(e) Tagholder Responsibilities: See subsection 364(z).

(1) No tagholder shall take or possess any elk or parts thereof governed by the regulations except as provided herein.

(3) Any person taking an elk that has a collar or other marking device attached to it shall

(2) The department reserves the right to use any part of the tagholder's elk for biological analysis as long as the amount of edible meat is not appreciably decreased.

provide the department with such marking device within 10 days of taking the elk.

(h)-(f) The use of dogs to take or attempt to take elk is prohibited.

(i)-(g) Applicants shall apply for a SHARE Access Permit, and pay a nonrefundable application fee as specified in Section 602, through the department's Automated License Data System terminals at any department license agent, department license sales office, or online.

(j)-(h) Upon receipt of winner notification, successful applicants shall submit the appropriate tag fee as specified in Section 702 through any department license sales office or online through the department's Automated License Data System.

§	(A) Hunts	<u>1.</u> <u>Bull Tags</u>	<u>2.</u> <u>Antlerless</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>3.</u> <u>Either-Sex</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>4.</u> <u>Spike</u> <u>Tags</u>
		<u>(B) Area</u>			
<u>(i) Department Administered SHARE Roosevelt Elk Hunts</u>					
(1)	<u>Siskiyou</u>	<u>[0-5510]</u>	<u>[0-10010]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(1)(A).</u>			
(2)	<u>Northwestern</u>	<u>[0-10]</u>	<u>[0-20]</u>	<u>[0-5]</u>	
		<u>(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(2)(A).</u>			
	<u>Del Norte</u>	<u>[0-25]</u>	<u>[0-100]</u>	<u>[0-50]</u>	
		<u>(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(2)(A).</u>			
(3)	<u>Humboldt</u>	<u>[0-25]</u>	<u>[0-100]</u>	<u>[0-50]</u>	
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(3)(A).</u>			
(4)	<u>Marble Mountain North</u>	<u>[0-20]</u>	<u>[0-25]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(4)(A).</u>			
(5)(3)	<u>Marble Mountain South</u>	<u>[0-2010]</u>	<u>[0-2515]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(5)(3)(A).</u>			

§	(A) Hunts	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags
		(B) Area			
(j) Department Administered General Methods SHARE Rocky Mountain Elk Hunts					
(1)	Northeast California	[0-2010]	[0-2010]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(b)(1)(A).			
(k) Department Administered SHARE Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)	Mendocino North Coast	[0-104]	[0-404]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(1)(A).			
(2)	Mendocino Middle Fork	[0-10]	[0-40]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(2)(A).			
(3)	Mendocino Upper Russian River	[0-10]	[0-40]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(3)(A).			
(4)	Mendocino Little Lake	[0-1]	[0-5]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(4)(A).			
(5)	Mendocino South Coast	[0-5]	[0-10]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(5)(A).			
(l) Department Administered SHARE Tule Elk Hunts					
(1)	Cache Creek	[0-402]	[0-402]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(1)(A).			
(2)	La Panza	[0-4010]	[0-6010]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(2)(A).			
(3)	Bishop	[0-402]	[0-302]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(3)(A).			
(4)	Independence	[0-402]	[0-302]		
		(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(4)(A).			

<u>§</u>	<u>(A) Hunts</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>Bull Tags</u>	<u>2.</u> <u>Antlerless</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>3.</u> <u>Either-Sex</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>4.</u> <u>Spike</u> <u>Tags</u>
		<u>(B) Area</u>			
<u>(5)</u>	<u>Goodale</u>	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(5)(A).</u>			
<u>(65)</u>	<u>Lone Pine</u> <u>Period 2</u>	[0-402]	[0-302]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(6)(5)(A).</u>			
<u>(76)</u>	<u>Tinemaha</u>	[0-402]	[0-302]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(7)(6)(A).</u>			
<u>(87)</u>	<u>West Tinemaha</u>	[0-402]	[0-302]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(8)(7)(A).</u>			
<u>(98)</u>	<u>Tinemaha Mountain</u>	[0-82]			
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(9)(8)(A).</u>			
<u>(409)</u>	<u>Whitney</u>	[0-42]	[0-102]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(10)(9)(A).</u>			
<u>(1110)</u>	<u>Grizzly Island</u>	[0-2]	[0-5010]		[0-5010]
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(11)(10)(A).</u>			
<u>(1211)</u>	<u>Fort Hunter Liggett</u> <u>Central Coast</u>	[0-424]	[0-444]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(11)(A).</u>			
<u>(1312)</u>	<u>East Park Reservoir</u>	[0-6]	[0-206]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(13)(12)(A).</u>			
<u>(1413)</u>	<u>San Luis Reservoir</u>	[0-305]	[0-305]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(14)(13)(A).</u>			
<u>(1514)</u>	<u>Bear Valley</u>	[0-10]	[0-10]		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(15)(A).</u>			
<u>(1615)</u>	<u>Lake Pillsbury</u>	[0-104]	[0-104]		

<u>§</u>	<u>(A) Hunts</u>	<u>1.</u> <u>Bull Tags</u>	<u>2.</u> <u>Antlerless</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>3.</u> <u>Either-Sex</u> <u>Tags</u>	<u>4.</u> <u>Spike</u> <u>Tags</u>
		<u>(B) Area</u>			
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(16)(15)(A).</u>			
<u>(1716)</u>	<u>Santa Clara</u>	<u>[0-15]</u>	<u>[0-20]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(17)(16)(A).</u>			
<u>(1817)</u>	<u>Alameda</u>	<u>[0-4]</u>	<u>[0-10]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(18)(17)(A).</u>			
<u>(19)</u>	<u>San Emigdio Mountain</u>	<u>[0-15]</u>	<u>[0-40]</u>		
		<u>(B) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(19)(A).</u>			
<u>(20)</u>	<u>Camp Roberts</u> <u>NO SHARE</u>				

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 332 and 1050, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 332, 1050 and 1574, Fish and Game Code.

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This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Amending sections 502 and 507, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Waterfowl Regulations for the 2016-2017 season, which are published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on February 26, 2016.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2016/index.aspx>.

Ms. Melanie Weaver, Wildlife Branch, phone (916) 445-3717, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,



Jon D. Snellstrom
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

**TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 202 and 355 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 202, 355 and 356 of said Code, proposes to amend section 502 and 507, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to Waterfowl hunting.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Section 502

Current regulations in Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), provide definitions, hunting zone descriptions, season opening and closing dates, and establish daily bag and possession limits for waterfowl hunting.

The frameworks for the 2016-17 season have been approved by the Flyway Councils and adopted at the Service Regulation's Committee meeting October 20-21, 2015. The proposed frameworks allow for a liberal duck season which includes a 107 day season, 7 daily duck limit including 7 mallards but only 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 3 scaup (during an 86 day season). Duck daily bag limits ranges, duck season lengths ranges and goose season length ranges have been provided to allow the FGC flexibility. Lastly, Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona in the Colorado River Zone and with Oregon in the North Coast Special Management Area. Based on the frameworks, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) provides an annual recommendation to the Fish and Game Commission.

The Department recommendations are as follows:

1. Changes in current subsection 502(d)1 propose to allow hunting on the Department's Type C wildlife areas and public waters during the late season hunt in the Northeastern Zone.
2. Changes in current subsection 502(d) propose to increase the total daily bag limit for geese in the Northeastern, Southern San Joaquin Valley, and the Balance of State zones from 25 to 30 geese per day; the Southern California Zone total daily bag limit for geese will increase from 18 to 23 geese per day. The bag limit for white geese will increase from 15 to 20 per day in the zones referenced.
3. Proposed changes in current subsection 502(d)(5)(D)8 increase the white goose daily bag limit in the Imperial County Special Management Area from 15 to 20 per day.

4. Proposed changes in current subsection 502(e) modify the age limit to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days from 15 years of age and under to 17 years of age and under.

Minor editorial changes are also proposed to clarify and simplify the regulations and to comply with existing federal frameworks.

Section 507

Current regulations in Section 507(a)(2), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), prohibit archery hunters from carrying a firearm while hunting migratory birds. However, since there is no specific archery only hunt set aside for migratory birds, there is no reason to think individuals would take a bird with a firearm but pretend it was taken with archery equipment. Consequently, there is no reason to restrict archers from carrying firearms when taking migratory birds. The existing regulation also refers to "crossbows bolts," rather than the proposed "crossbow bolts." This amendment is intended to correct a grammatical error and is necessary to improve the clarity of the regulation.

The Department proposes to delete that part of subsection 507(a)(2) prohibiting the possession of a firearm while archery hunting.

Benefits of the regulations

The benefit of the proposed regulation is consistency in regulations. Adoption of scientifically-based criteria for migratory waterfowl provides for the protection and maintenance of waterfowl populations to ensure their continued existence. The benefits of the proposed regulations are in sustainable management of the State's waterfowl resources, the businesses that rely on sport fishing in California and Federal guidelines.

Consistency with State and Federal Regulations

The Commission has reviewed its regulations in Title 14, CCR, and conducted a search of other regulations on this topic and has concluded that the proposed amendments to Section 502 are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. No other State agency has the authority to promulgate waterfowl hunting regulations. Pursuant to Section 355, Fish and Game Code, the commission may, annually adopt regulations pertaining to migratory birds to conform with or to further restrict the rules and regulations prescribed pursuant to the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at in the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, California, on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Written comments may be submitted at the address given below or by e mail to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Written comments mailed or e-mailed to the Commission office must be received before 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2016.

If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

The regulations as proposed in strikeout-underline format, as well as an initial statement of reasons, including environmental considerations and all information upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Mike Yaun, Acting Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to Mike Yaun or Jon Snellstrom at the preceding address or phone number. **Melanie Weaver, Senior Environmental Scientist, Waterfowl Program, Department of Fish and Wildlife, phone (916) 445-3717, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.** Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including the regulatory language, may be obtained from the address above. Notice of the proposed action shall be posted on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

Availability of Modified Text

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Circumstances beyond the control of the Commission (e.g., timing of Federal regulation adoption, timing of resource data collection, timelines do not allow, etc.) or changes made to be responsive to public recommendation and comments during the regulatory process may preclude full compliance with the 15-day comment period, and the Commission will exercise its powers under Section 202 of the Fish and Game Code. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4 and 11346.8 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Analysis

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The proposed regulations are intended to provide additional recreational opportunity to the public. The response is expected to be minor in nature.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in California. The proposed waterfowl regulations will set the 2016-17 waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits within the federal frameworks. Positive impacts to jobs and/or businesses that provide services to waterfowl hunters will be realized with the proposed regulations for the waterfowl hunting season in 2016-17. This is based on a 2011 US Fish and Wildlife national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife associated recreation for California. The report estimated that migratory bird hunters contributed about \$169,115,000 to businesses in California during the 2011 migratory bird hunting season. The impacted businesses are generally small businesses employing few individuals and, like all small businesses, are subject to failure for a variety of causes. Additionally, the long-term intent of the proposed regulations is to sustainably manage waterfowl populations, and consequently, the long-term viability of these same small businesses.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. The Commission anticipates benefits to the State's environment by the sustainable management of California's waterfowl resources. The Commission does not anticipate any impacts to worker safety because the proposed amendments will not affect working conditions.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.
- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

(g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4, Government Code: None.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Effect on Small Business

It has been determined that the adoption of these regulations may affect small business. The Commission has drafted the regulations in Plain English pursuant to Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1).

Consideration of Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

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Dated: February 16, 2016

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TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to amending Section 120.7, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the commercial sea urchin fishery, which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on February 26, 2016.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments. Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at www.fgc.ca.gov.

Ms. Susan Ashcraft, Fish and Game Commission, phone (916) 653-1803, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tiemann
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 713, 1050, 9054 and 9055, of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 713, 1050, 7850, 7852.2, 7857, 9054 and 9055, of said Code, proposes to amend Section 120.7, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Commercial Sea Urchin Fishery.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

State law (Section 9054, Fish and Game Code) authorizes the Commission to set the conditions for issuance of commercial sea urchin diving permits, and to limit the number of permits that may be issued when necessary to prevent overutilization or to ensure efficient and economic operation of the fishery on a statewide basis or within selected geographical areas.

Proposed changes to regulations:

- Subsection 120.7(d)(2), Title 14, CCR, currently provides for new sea urchin diving permits to be issued annually, dependent on whether the number of renewed permits from the prior year is less than or greater than the capacity goal of 300. The proposed amendments to the regulation would ensure that if any new permits are added, the capacity goal of 300 permits will not be exceeded. All qualified diving permits from the previous year are eligible to be renewed.
- Existing regulations (subsection 120.7(m), Title 14, CCR) require that each permittee shall record daily fishing activity records on a logbook provided by the Department, and specifies to which office the completed daily records shall be sent based on the location of fishing activity. The proposed regulation would add a cross-reference to Section 190, Title 14, CCR, regarding fishing activity records, and would delete the location of Department offices where fishing activity records shall be sent, since this information is already specified on the logbook forms.

The proposed regulatory action will benefit fishermen, processors, and the State's economy in the form of a healthy sustainable fishery, and future harvestable sea urchin populations.

The proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. Section 20, Article IV, of the State Constitution specifies that the Legislature may delegate to the Fish and Game Commission such powers relating to the protection and propagation of fish and game as the Legislature sees fit. The Legislature has delegated to the Commission the power to regulate the commercial take of sea urchins (Sections 9054 and 9055, Fish and Game Code). The Commission has reviewed its own regulations and finds that the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. The Commission has

searched the California Code of Regulations and finds no other State agency regulations pertaining to the commercial take of sea urchins.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 Fourth St., in Santa Rosa, California, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Written comments may be submitted at the address given below or by e mail to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Written comments mailed or e-mailed to the Commission office must be received before 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2016. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

The regulations as proposed in ~~strikeout~~-underline format, as well as an initial statement of reasons, including environmental considerations and all information upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Michael Yaun, Acting Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to Michael Yaun or Sheri Tiemann at the preceding address or phone number. **Ms. Susan Ashcraft, Fish and Game Commission, phone (916) 653-1803, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.** Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including the regulatory language, may be obtained from the address above. Notice of the proposed action shall be posted on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

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Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Analysis

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states because the proposed action will not increase costs or reduce harvest quotas. These actions are intended to align the number of permits issued with the existing fishery permit sales restrictions which should increase the average catch per unit of effort and ensure the long-term sustainability of the fishery.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

No impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs within the state, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses are anticipated because the proposed action will not increase costs or reduce harvest quotas. These actions are intended to align the number of permits issued with the existing fishery permit sales restrictions which should increase the average catch per unit of effort and ensure the long-term sustainability of the fishery. The Commission does not anticipate any benefits to the health and welfare of California residents or worker safety.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.
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Consideration of Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

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TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a Notice of Findings regarding the Humboldt marten which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on February 26, 2016.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tiemann
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDINGS

Humboldt marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, at its February 11, 2016, meeting in Sacramento, California, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list Humboldt marten as an endangered species. Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's written report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that the aforementioned species is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the February 11, 2016 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Michael Yaun, Acting Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899. Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Fish and Game Commission

February 16, 2016

Michael Yaun
Acting Executive Director